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STILL CAMERA

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated September 29, 2004, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on December 29, 2004, which is hereby extended to February 28, 2005 by the filing of a Request for Extension of Time for Two Months concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Claims Listing which begins on page 2 of this document.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this document.